

Shorter Notice Period for Tenants Facing Violence or Abuse

Residential Tenancy Act (RTA)

The RTA has recently applied changes to allow tenants who need to move because of sexual or domestic violence to give only 28 days notice to their landlord. This applies to situations in which either the tenants or a child living with them has experienced the abuse.

How do You notify my landlord?

You can notify your landlord by completing a Tenant's Notice to End my Tenancy Because of Fear of Sexual or Domestic Violence and Abuse form (N15) found at [Tribunals Ontario](#).

You must also provide one of the two following documents:

- i. A completed Tenant's Statement About Sexual or Domestic Violence and Abuse, or
- ii. A copy of a court order (such as a peace bond or restraining order)

You can mail, fax, or give your notice in person to your landlord. If you deliver it in person, ask them to sign and date your copy. Make sure you keep a copy of your notice. If you mail it, keep a record of when you mailed it by getting a receipt from the post office.

When do I deliver my notice?

For your notice to be legal, you must choose the right date. This is called the termination date. This date and when to give notice both depend on the type of tenancy you have. The Landlord and Tenant Board can help you determine these dates. Visit [Tribunals Ontario](#) to access this information.

